

REMARKS

Claims 3-26 and 31 are pending in the application.

Claims 3-26 and 31 have been rejected.

Claims 3, 6, 10, 12-13, 19-21, and 31 have been amended.

Claims 23-26 have been canceled.

Unless otherwise specified in the below discussion, Applicants have amended the above-referenced claims in order to provide clarity or to correct informalities in the claims. Applicants further submit that, unless discussed below, these amendments are not intended to narrow the scope of the claims. Applicants have also canceled claims in order to clarify the issues for prosecution. By these amendments and cancellation, Applicants do not concede that the cited art is prior to any invention now or previously claimed. Applicants further reserve the right to pursue the original versions of the claims in the future, for example, in a continuing application.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 3, 6-7, 8, 10, 15, 17-18, 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0236767 naming as inventors Soylemez et al. ("Soylemez"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Independent Claims 3, 19 and 21, as amended, each contain a limitation substantially directed toward "forming a relational database query against a relational model of a multidimensional data source using a graphical user interface...." Applicants respectfully submit that Soylemez fails to provide disclosure of this claim limitation and the described graphical user interface.

The amended claims provide for using a graphical user interface that is configured to display a presentation layer representation of a virtual relational table corresponding to the claimed multidimensional data source. The graphical user interface is further configured to enable selection of tables and columns of data from the displayed presentation layer information in order to form the claimed query against the relational model of the multidimensional data source. Applicants submit that these amendments are supported at least by Figures 6 and 11, and accompanying description at paragraphs 26-29 and 35.

The claimed graphical user interface thus enables formulation of the queries of the multidimensional data source through an intuitive interface. Applicants respectfully submit that Soylemez fails to provide disclosure of such an interface that will permit formation of relational database queries through such an intuitive interface. For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claims 3, 19 and 21, and all claims depending therefrom (Claims 4-18, 20 and 22), are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections to these claims and an indication of the allowability of same.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 12-13, 16, 23-26 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Soylemez as applied to claims 3, 6-7, 8, 10, 15, 17-18, 19-22 and further in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0087516 naming inventors Cras et al. ("Cras").

In order for a claim to be rendered invalid under 35 U.S.C. §103, the subject matter of the claim as a whole would have to be obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made. *See* 35 U.S.C. §103(a). This requires: (1) the reference(s) must teach or suggest all of the claim limitations; (2) there must be some teaching, suggestion or motivation to combine references either in the references themselves or in the knowledge of the art; and (3) there must be a reasonable expectation of success. *See* MPEP 2143; MPEP 2143.03; *In re Rouffet*, 149 F.3d 1350, 1355-56 (Fed. Cir. 1998).

Applicants have canceled Claims 23 through 26. In light of these cancellations, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections to these claims and all claims depending therefrom are moot.

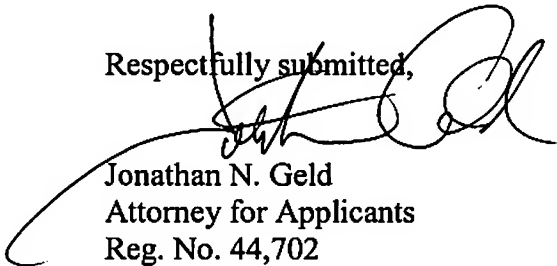
Independent Claim 31, as amended, contains a limitation substantially of the form discussed above with regard to Claims 3, 19 and 21. For the reasons discussed above, Applicants submit that Soylemez fails to provide disclosure of the amended limitation. Applicants further respectfully submit that the cited sections of Cras also fail to provide disclosure of the claimed “forming a relational database query ... using a graphical user interface” limitation. Without such disclosure, Applicants respectfully submit that Soylemez in view of Cras fail to provide disclosure of all the limitations of Claim 31, as amended.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that independent Claim 31, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner’s reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections as to this claim and an indication of the allowability of same.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application and the claims therein are believed to be in condition for allowance without any further examination and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 512-439-5090.

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